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Haig Asks Probe of Report of Americans Teaching Terrorism

Account Described Sale of Skills, Knowledge to Libyans

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Secretary of State Alexander M. Haig Jr. has asked for an investigation into a report that Americans trained in terrorist techniques are selling their skills and knowledge to Libya and other countries.

State Department spokesman William Dyess said Haig requested the investigation after reading the report in Sunday's Washington Post. The report first appeared in the Boston Globe.

The account said that according to State Department intelligence, there may be as many as 50 Americans in Libya providing military support to the government.

It said that between 1976 and 1979 some Americans who provided terrorist training and explosives to the Libyan government are convinced that the U.S. government was aware of their activities.

U.S. officials may have allowed these activ-

ities to continue in hopes of infiltrating the international terrorist movement, the report said.

It added that State Department sources fear the same Americans may have had a hand in training the Libyan commandos believed responsible for last year's execution of 11 Libyan exiles living in Europe.

It quoted federal investigators as saying that the problem of U.S. support for international terrorists "is much greater than recognized."

"The United States, in effect, has become a major supplier of [military] hardware and technology, in support of worldwide terrorism," the investigators were quoted as saying in a confidential report.

"Former Central Intelligence Agency personnel, military special forces personnel, and U.S. corporations combine to supply products and expertise to whomever can pay the price."